

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-20 were previously presented. Claims 15-20 are canceled. Accordingly, after entry of this amendment, claims 1-14 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-14 is noted and appreciated. Claim 1 is amended as suggested to correct the noted informality.

Claim Rejections

Claims 15-19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Denker (USP 6,404,513). Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Denker in view of Matsueda et al. (USP 6,301,016). In order to facilitate allowance of this application, claims 15-20 are canceled, without prejudice, rendering the rejections of those claims moot.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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